Forest Land – Chandrapur
Diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in favour of M/s. Western Coalfield Limited, District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-3620/CR-40/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 13.08.2026

Ref.:

1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/I.D-12763/1378/18-19, Dt. 28.11.20219.
2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government letter No.FLD-3620/CR-40/F-10, dt.21.06.2023.
   letter No.FLD-3620/CR-40/F-10, dt.01.02.2024.
3) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No .FC-I/MH-341/2023-NGP, dt.14.01.2025.
4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1/Nodal/PID-403481/2025-26/1920, dt.19.11.2025.
5) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No. FC-I/MH-341/2023-NGP, dt. 15.12.2025
6) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/CH/PID-17443/892/26-27, dt.15.07.2026.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.20 ha. Zudpi Jungle land for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the State Government vide under letter reference No.2 has sent the proposal for approval of Integrated Regional Office (Central) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur & The Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi respectively;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.3, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 0.20 ha. for the above project under section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.4 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, vide under reference no. 5 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the 0.20 ha in favour of M/s. Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in Chandrapur District in the state of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.6 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.20 ha. consisting Zudpi Jungle Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e M/s. Western Coalfield Limited, Chandrapur for opencast mining for Bhatadi Expansion Mine Project in Chandrapur District in the state of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter dated 14.01.2025 and dated 15.12.2025 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Divisional Forests Officer, Chandrapur should ensure that fulfillment of conditions mentioned in the letter dated 15.12.2025 of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, before actual handing over the forest land to the user agency.
2. User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi, referred above. Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in MoEF&CC, Government of India, New Delhi, letters dated 14.01.2025 and dated 15.12.2025, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chandrapur shall report through the State Government to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

Schedule

Sr. No.	Village	Survey No.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
1.	Bhatadi	251	0.20	Zudpi Jungle
Total			**0.20**	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SANJAY NAMDEO JADHAV

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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur.
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur.
8. Collector, Chandrapur.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur.
11. Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur.
12. Assistant Manager (Community Development), Chandrapur Area, WCL Chandrapur.
13. Select File (F-10)

I. Collector- Chandrapur, Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Chandrapur & Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats,

Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Assistant Manager (Community Development), Chandrapur Area, WCL Chandrapur, is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc., along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Chandrapur & Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.